

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A sheet treating apparatus for subjecting a sheet transported from an image forming apparatus to treatment, comprising:

5 a sheet stacking portion which is arranged to stack a sheet transported by a sheet transporting force of the image forming apparatus without a transporting drive force of said sheet treating apparatus;

10 a sheet treating portion which is arranged to subject the sheet transported from the image forming apparatus to post-treatment; and

a sheet guiding portion which is arranged to selectively guide the sheet transported from the
15 image forming apparatus to one of said sheet stacking portion and said sheet treating portion,

wherein said sheet guiding portion is selected to be in a state of guiding the sheet to said sheet stacking portion in a state in which a power supply
20 of said sheet treating apparatus is turned off.

2. A sheet treating apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the sheet is dropped by a gravitational force of the sheet and stacked on said
25 sheet stacking portion.

3. A sheet treating apparatus according to

claim 1, wherein said sheet guiding portion is
switched to a state of selecting said sheet stacking
portion when the sheet is not transported for a
predetermined period of time in the state in which it
5 is selected to guide the sheet to said sheet treating
portion.

4. A sheet treating apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein said sheet guiding portion
10 comprises:

a displacement body which can be displaced
between a position for guiding the sheet to said
sheet stacking portion and a position for guiding the
sheet to said sheet treating portion; and
15 a drive portion which displaces said
displacement body from the position for guiding the
sheet to said sheet stacking portion to the position
for guiding the sheet to said sheet treating portion,
and

20 wherein when said displacement body is in the
position for guiding the sheet to said sheet treating
portion and a power supply is turned off, said
displacement body is displaced by a gravitational
force of said displacement body to the position for
25 guiding the sheet to said sheet stacking portion.

5. A sheet treating apparatus according to

claim 1, wherein said sheet guiding portion comprises:

5 a displacement body which can be displaced between a position for guiding the sheet to said sheet stacking portion and a position lower than the foregoing position for guiding the sheet to said sheet treating portion;

10 a drive portion which displaces said displacement body from the position for guiding the sheet to said sheet stacking portion to the position for guiding the sheet to said sheet treating portion; and

15 a biasing portion which, when said displacement body is in the position for guiding the sheet to said sheet treating portion and a power supply is turned off, biases said displacement body to be in the position for guiding the sheet to said sheet stacking portion.

20 6. A sheet treating apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said displacement body comprises a sheet guide path which guides the sheet to said sheet treating portion.

25 7. A sheet treating apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said sheet treating portion has one of a function for aligning the sheets, a function for

punching the sheet, and a function for stapling the sheets.